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H PASS: CONGRESSMAN WOLFF

E.O. 11652: NA
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SUBJ: TRADE COMPLAINT BY CONSTITUENT MR LEE FIRESTER

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN LESTER L. WOLFF REQUESTING FURTHER ASSISTANCE FOR MR LEE FIRESTER OF JOIE COINS, P.O. BOX 68, ROSLYN HEIGHTS, NEW YORK 11577. CONGRESSMAN WOLFF'S LETTER WAS SENT APRIL 11, 1977, BUT WAS NOT RECEIVED BY EMBASYS UNTIL JULY 7, 1977. THE MATTER CONCERNED AT A\$378 PAYMENT BY FIRESTER TO BANK OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA FOR UNCIRCULATED COINS. JOIE COINS NEVER RECEIVED THE COINS AND BANK HAD NO RECORD OF PAYMENT.

2. ON APRIL 14, 1977, THE E/C OFFICER SENT FOLLOWING LETTER TO MR FIRESTER IN RESPONSE TO HIS LETTER OF MARCH 4. OBVIOUSLY NEITHER HE NOR CONGRESSMAN WOLFF KNEW OF ACTION TAKEN BY EMBASSY PRIOR TO CONGRESSMAN WOLFF'S LETTER OF APRIL 11.

QTE I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MR LESTER SYMONS OF THE BANK OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA IN AN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER YOU CHECK HAS BEEN CASHED. MR SYMONS, IN TURN, HAS ATTEMPTED TO FIND OUT THE INFORMATION FROM THE BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES, BUT AS OF YET THEY HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO HIS INQUIRIES. IN A PHONE CONVERSATION WITH MR SYMONS YESTERDAY, HE TOLD ME
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HE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF WRITING A LETTER TO THE BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES REQUESTING THAT THEY PROVIDE THE INFORMATION NECESSARY. HE PROMISED TO GET BACK TO ME AS SOON AS HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO TRACE THE CHECK.

IN MY CONVERSATIONS WITH MR SYMONS, I HAVE FOUND HIM VERY EAGER TO RESOLVE THIS DIFFICULTY. THE BANK OF NEW GUINEA IS,

HOWEVER, A GOVERNMENT-OWNED ENTITY AND HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REFUND YOUR MONEY OR SEND YOU THE COINS UNTIL HE IS ABLE TO POSITIVELY ASCERTAIN THAT THEY DID INDEED RECEIVE YOUR CHECK. MY OWN RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THIS PROCESS CAN BE SPPEDED UP IN THE FUTURE IF YOU CONTACT MR SYMONS DIRECTLY. HE HAS, IN FACT, SUGGESTED THIS COURSE OF ACTION, AS WELL. YOU MAY WRITE HIM AT THE BANK OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, P.O. BOX 121, PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA. UNQTE.

3. MR FIRESTER RESPONDED WITH LETTERS TO BOTH EMBASY AND SYMONDS ON MAY 9. EMBASSY HAS AGAIN CONTACTED SYMONDS WHO IN TURN CONTACTED BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES REPORTS THAT CITIBANK-WHERE MR FIRESTER'S CHECK WAS DRAWN-STOPPED PAYMENT ON HIS CHECK FOR REASONS UNKNOWN. THEREFORE, BANK OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA NEVER RECEIVED PAYMENT FOR COINS. AS OF THIS DATE, IT WOULD APPEAR MR FIRESTER MUST EITHER HAVE HAD HIS MONEY RETURNED OR COULD DO SO BY CONTACTING CITIBANK.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT BOTH MESSAGE OF EMBASSY LETTER OF APRIL 14 AND NEW INFO BE PASSED ON TO CONGRESSMAN WOLFF. OLMSTED

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